

COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
109 NORTH FRONT STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100  
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013  
5:00 P.M

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**Present were:**

**Voting Members:** Croasmun, Wood, DuGuid, Carr, Stitt, Simmons

**Advisory Member:** Lt. Mull

**Executive Secretary:** Patti Austin

**Division of Mobility Options Staff:** Lewis, Moorhead, Bowman

**Division of Planning and Operations Staff:**

**Guests:** Rick Tilton, Mr. Gray, Pam Miller, Ann Gazell, Patricia Kovacs

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CALL TO ORDER: 5:09 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Steve Simmons asked for a motion to approve March 12, 2013 minutes.

Motion to approve – Croasmun

Second – Carr

Motion carries

**ACTION ITEMS**

Steve Simmons asked for a motion to adjust agenda, moving the public comment portion of the agenda to the next item.

Motion to approve – Wood

Second – Croasmun

Motion Carries

**Public Comments**

Several representatives of Pilot Dogs, Inc. attended the meeting to voice their concerns involving the removal of unwarranted traffic signals on Town and Rich Street. Pilot Dogs has been around since 1950 teaching dogs to guide the blind and educating the blind to travel with their guide dogs. The reps of Pilot Dogs voiced their concerns regarding the safety of their students and staff, giving many examples of their fears. The Division of Planning and Operations has been working with Pilot Dogs on this upcoming change and Pilot Dogs understands the aspect of the unwarranted signals. There has been previous discussion about some accessible pedestrian paths that would enhance safety. It was suggested that they stay in contact with Jodi Cooley and continue to work with her on any issues they may have.

Patricia Kovacs spoke on behalf of Pilot Dogs and the changes in Franklinton. Her concerns were the traffic studies and the time of day the studies had taken place. She would like to see new traffic studies done during peak hours. All understand that unwarranted traffic signals are dangerous; however, Pilot Dogs is very concerned for the safety of individuals.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Bicycle Subcommittee Update**

Daniel Moorhead gave an update as follows on issues discussed at the March 27, 2013 Bicycle Subcommittee meeting.

**2013 Resurfacing Bike Projects** – The CIB passed for capital improvement budget and there will be additional streets that will be resurfaced. Two of the streets that are being looked at for bike projects are both on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. One is on West Fifth Avenue near Grandview and the second is East Fifth Avenue near the airport. Sharrows and street widening for bike lanes are included if achievable.

**ODOT Bridge Program** – The subcommittee was briefed on coordination that has taken place between Columbus and the Ohio Department of Transportation regarding bridge projects that the state has for the Columbus area over the next decade and beyond. The idea is to ensure that Mobility Options treatment such as bike facilities and sidewalks are implemented appropriately along with these projects.

**Bike Corrals** – The subcommittee was given a preview of some potential locations throughout the city for on street bike parking. Feedback was solicited from the subcommittee on these locations

**Bike Detector Marking Locations** – Discussed continuance of the program started last year where calls could be streamlined through the 311 request process so bikers can request specifically if a signal does not detect a bicyclist on red. The sensitivity can be adjusted at these locations to ensure bicycles are detected and markings placed where bicyclists should stop. The city is now soliciting additional locations where bicycles are already detected to be marked to help educate bicyclist on where to stop in the road in order to trigger light.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Residential On-Street Handicap Parking Rules and Regulations** – Randy Bowman discussed the ongoing update to the administrative rules and regulations for residential district permit parking. The intention is to bring a formal presentation to the May Transportation and Pedestrian Committee meeting and ask for a vote recommendation.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Transportation and Pedestrian Housekeeping Items – Appointments/Attendance**

Bill Lewis expressed concern regarding the cycle of re-appointments, which are out of sync. Two of the appointments have fallen out of sync; Bill suggested that when the appointments are up in 2014 that they are re-appointed for two years instead of three and then three year terms thereafter. The attendance policy per the bylaws was detailed to commissioners. Bill presented statistics from the past years attendance as a reminder that Commissioners are required to attend a minimum of 75% of meetings in a 12 month cycle. It was asked that if a commissioner is unable to attend a meeting to let someone know in advance. The importance of a quorum was reiterated.

Motion to adjourn – Croasumn

Second – Duguid

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim O'Harra  
Recording Secretary

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Steve Simmons  
Chairperson

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Patricia A. Austin  
Executive Secretary

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